

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview granted July 16, 2008 in which the Examiner notified Applicants of the various procedural options following the decision of the Board as set forth in MPEP Sec. 1214.06. It is believed that the record of this interview is complete. If the Examiner believes that further information on the interview needs to be made of record to comply with the requirements, Applicants request the Examiner to identify such further information.

Applicants arguments set forth in the Applicants' Appeal Brief and Reply Brief are incorporated herein by reference.

It is respectfully submitted that the Board has reversed the rejection of dependent claims 8 and 20. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 8 and 20, respectively. Dependent claims 8 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 13 and the claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the limitations of dependent claim 32 are similar to those of prior dependent claims 8 and 20. Independent claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 32. Claim 32 has been cancelled without prejudice. It is noted that the Board did not reverse the rejection of dependent claim 32 on the basis that applicant did not argue claim 32 separately from claim 25. Nonetheless, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claim 25 amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 32.

Independent claims 37, 39 and 40 have been amended to incorporate limitations similar to those of dependent claims 8 and 20. It is noted that the Board did not reverse the rejection of claims 37, 39 and 40. However, The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claims 37-40 amended to incorporate limitations similar to those of dependent claims 8 and 20. Claim 40 has also been amended to provide a more clear antecedent basis.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-797 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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